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HUMAN RIGHTS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Question: What accomplishments can you cite?

Answer:

We believe that the Human Rights Policy has:

-- Saved lives, curbed torture and ill treatment of political prisoners, restored freedom of speech, press and assembly, and brought about judicial reform in some countries;

-- Assisted in family reunification and emigration, particularly from the USSR and Eastern Europe;

-- Led to the restoration of representative, democratic governments (e.g., Ecuador, Peru, the Dominican Republic);

-- Provided Congress a comprehensive and objective reference tool for assessing the world-wide human rights situation in the annual "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices."

-- Pre-empted the near-monopoly of Marxist and Third World countries as the champions of human rights.

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HUMAN RIGHTS - IMPLEMENTATION

Question: How is Human Rights Policy implemented?

Answer:

Human Rights Policy is implemented through:

-- Prompt bilateral diplomatic initiatives with all countries, Communist and non-Communist alike, regarding violations of human rights;

-- Public statements and speeches by high level administration officials regarding practices which massively violate human rights (e.g., Bolivia);

-- A decision-making process which takes into account human rights concerns on decisions relating to economic assistance, votes in international lending institutions, and regarding military assistance, arms transfers and sales of lethal police equipment, as required by U.S. law;

-- Concerted effort to raise human rights issues in multilateral fora, such as the Madrid Conference on Review of the Implementation of the Helsinki Final Act, the UN and its related organizations, and the OAS.

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